

IDA announces new bi-annual schedule for Expo



In May, the International Door Association (IDA) announced that its annual Expo trade show will be held every other year beginning in 2022. In an email distributed on May 6, the organization said that the new schedule will allow more companies and employees to attend Expo, and that more local events would be offered during the years the show is not scheduled.

The next Expo is scheduled for April 5-8, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nev. and will feature a bigger exhibit floor, hands-on training opportunities, networking events, new products, and more. The inaugural Educational Conference and Trade Show will be held September 2022 in Baltimore, Md. ■

DASMA and IDA join forces for ICC podcast



In May, the International Code Council (ICC) announced the release of a new podcast for Garage Door Month. ICC host Steve Jones interviewed DASMA Technical Director Gordon Thomas and IDA Executive Director Mike Fischer about the importance of Garage Door Safety Month and its new featured month of May.

The podcast discussed how the garage door is the largest moving object in the home, and how the proper installation, operation, maintenance, and testing of the door and opener are necessary to provide safe, trouble-free operations.

Additional topics included guidelines for safely operating and inspecting the garage door and operator along with how and when to contact a local trained door systems technician. ■

DASMA and IDA partner for garage door safety campaign

This year, DASMA partnered with the International Door Association (IDA) on a digital ad campaign designed to increase awareness of garage door safety. The campaign, targeting architects, inspectors, specifiers, contractors, general contractors, and code and compliance coordinators, was featured on LinkedIn throughout the month of May — the new designated month for Garage Door Safety.



The two organizations collaborated to create a unique [landing page](#) that promotes garage door safety to industry experts and encourages users to visit the DASMA or IDA website for additional information. ■

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DASMA, IBHS, and YouTuber collaborate for wind rated video

In May, DASMA announced that it partnered with IBHS and social media influencer Matt Risinger of YouTube's "The Build Show" to develop a four-episode program on the benefits of resilient construction and the FORTIFIED building standards. The Silver segment will highlight openings and the importance of wind rated garage doors.



Gordon Thomas and Matt Risinger

Risinger has 700,000 subscribers and 1.75 million unique viewers each month, and his show is one of the most watched construction-related programs on YouTube.

The video will help to promote the importance of wind rated garage doors and educate homeowners about the options and requirements for their region. It will also detail how to determine whether a door is wind rated and provide information on the labeling of wind rated doors.

The video is scheduled to be released on The Build Show network in June. ■



Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition updates certification programs

In April, the Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition held an in-person meeting in Dallas, Texas. The coalition is composed of DASMA and IDA members and experienced gate operator system professionals. The group is responsible for creating the certification programs (Automated Gate Operator Installer and Systems Designer) that are currently offered through IDEA.

A new certification program entitled Automated Gate Systems Technician is currently being developed. It will expand on the existing Automated Gate Operator Installer course and offer additional topics, including the art of troubleshooting, meter training, basic control training, vehicle detection systems, and licensing requirements. Additional meetings are scheduled throughout the year to continue to develop the new program. ■

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**Unique page views tallied from January 1 - May 31, 2021.*

More than 130 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com under Publications. These documents have been prepared and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and staff. ■

AEC Daily site offers High-speed Doors and Egress course

In May, a new nano-course (High-speed Doors and Egress) developed by the High Performance Door Division went live on the AEC Daily website. Industry professionals who complete this course will receive continuing education units approved by AIA and other associations.

Using the custom analytics available on the AEC Daily website, DASMA staff is able to monitor the individuals who connect with the class. A non-compulsory 10-question survey is also being used to obtain additional feedback. ■

